

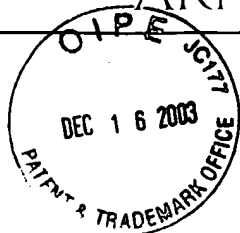
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Re: U.S. Patent Application No. 08/657,749  
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Sir:

The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO):

1. Amendment and Response to Office Action mailed November 19, 2003;
2. Terminal Disclaimer (in duplicate);
3. Request for Corrected Filing Receipt;
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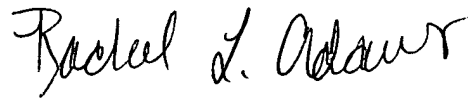
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Applicants do not believe that any fees other than the \$110.00 are due in conjunction with this filing. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned. However, if any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17 are required in the present application, including extensions of time necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Arnold & Porter Deposit Account No. 50-2387, referencing matter number 16518.025. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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